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FUNCTION FOR MARINE PROPULSION MACHINE**

**AMENDMENT B**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 19, 2007, applicant submits the following response:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.